

Listing of Claims:

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Please amend claims 1-4 as set forth below.

1. (Currently Amended) Locking device for a telescopic stem for a trolley, wherein the stem comprises an inner stem (1) connected to a handle (1a), which may glide within an outer stem (2), a handle (8) at the upper end of the inner stem (1) for controlling the locking of the inner stem (1) in relation to the outer stem (2), the handle (8) connected to a rod (7) running through the inner stem (1), characterised in that a toothed friction element (3) is arranged in the outer stem (2) and that the inner stem (1) is equipped with a toothed blocking element (4) locking into the friction element (3) and preventing movement of the inner stem (1) in relation to the outer stem (2) when the blocking element (4) is pressed into the toothed friction element (3) by a conical groove (6) of a housing (5) connected to the rod (7) influencing the position of the housing (5).

2. (Currently Amended) Locking device according to claim 1, characterised in that the friction element (3) is arranged on an inner area of the outer stem (2).

3. (Currently Amended) Locking device according to any one of ~~the~~ claims 1-2, characterised in that the a blocking element (~~4~~) is arranged on the lower side of the stem (~~1~~), opposite the friction element (~~3~~).

4. (Currently Amended) Locking device according to any one of ~~the~~ claims 1-3, characterised in that the housing (~~5~~) and/or the blocking element (~~4~~) is spring-loaded by a spring (~~9~~), automatically affecting locking by the friction element (~~3~~).